

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

July 7, 2014 to July 29, 2014

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permit activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing a Joint Permit Application submitted by Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion or applicant) for the issuance of an individual permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (Public Law 95-217) for impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States from proposed shoreline erosion repairs at the Chesapeake Energy Center in the City of Chesapeake. The purpose of the project is to stabilize the perimeter shoreline with a long-term, low maintenance solution in anticipation of the decommissioning of the station planned for December 2014. The shoreline erosion repairs would take place at the Priority 2 Area, Priority 3 Area, and South Dike of the Center. The stabilization of Priority 2 Area involves placing a rock fill buttress along the toe of the existing slope below 3.0 above mean sea level (AMSL). Additional riprap will be placed on the flattened slope from the top of the buttress up to 10.0 AMSL to provide erosion protection during high water events. The total affected area to be impacted in Priority 2 Area includes 15,910 square feet (sf) of tidal wetlands and 36,800 sf of subaqueous impacts. The stabilization for the Priority 3 Area involves flattening the existing slope along the bottom half and top half of the slope. Riprap erosion protection will be placed along the bottom half and at the top of the slope. The width of the service road along the crest of the Priority 3 Area shoreline will be reduced to one lane. The total affected area to be impacted by the proposed construction includes 44,800 sf of non-tidal wetlands and 840 sf of tidal wetlands. The proposed improvements for the downstream slope of the south dike of the Bottom Ash Pond/Sedimentation Pond on either side of the pond's outfall pipe involve placing riprap at the toe. The riprap will extend from 10.0 feet AMSL (i.e., approximately mid-slope) down to the anticipated scour elevation of -2.0 feet AMSL. The total affected area to be impacted by the proposed construction includes 2,050 sf of non-tidal wetlands and 1,750 sf of tidal wetlands. Dominion has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds that proposal consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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